

REMARKS

Claims 9, 10, 13 and 18 are pending in the above-referenced patent application. Claims 1-8, 11-12, 14-17 and 19 have been cancelled, and claims 9, 10, 13 and 18 have been amended in order to allow these claims to proceed to allowance. Assignee does not surrender any subject matter by cancellation of claims, and reserves the right to claim subject matter of cancelled claims 1-8, 11-12, 14-17 and 19 in a continuing application.

In the Final Office Action, dated November 2, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 5 and 14 under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph. These rejections are now moot as claims 5 and 14 have been cancelled.

The Examiner rejected claim 1 and 14 under 35 U.S.C 101 for being directed toward non-statutory subject matter. These rejections are now moot as claims 1 and 4 have been cancelled.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-8, 11, 12, 14-17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by King et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,482,975, hereinafter "King"). These rejections are now moot as claims 1-4, 6-8, 11, 12, 14-17 and 19 have been cancelled.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 9, 10, 13 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, and rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C 112, 2nd paragraph. Assignee has amended claims 9, 10, 13 and 18 in independent form and to address the rejections under 35 U.S.C 112, 2nd paragraph. It is believed that these amendments place the claims in a condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter these amendments. Additionally, these amendments are not intended to narrow claim scope, and, therefore, no prosecution history estoppel should result from these claim amendments.

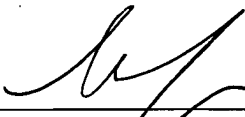
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter these amendments so that the application may proceed to allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 439-6500.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges of any fees required for this submission to Deposit Account number 50-3703.

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